GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:969
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
FOREIGN MISSIONARIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign missionaries operating in the country, as on date;

(b) whether any guidelines regarding functioning of these missionaries have been issued by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names of missionaries found involved in anti-national activities during each of the last three years; and

(e) the action taken against such missionaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As per data available as on 31.12.99, the total number of missionaries registered in India are 1375.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): No new missionaries are allowed after 1984. However, short term visas are being issued to the foreigners who are coming only in administrative capacity, to review working of their organisations etc.

(d): Nothing adverse has come to the notice of this Ministry so far.

(e): Does not arise.